

[is capable of] selectively [accommodating] accommodates tape supplies of different tape width.

~~26. (Amended) The tape cassette according to claim 24, said tape cassette further having: means for supporting the tape supply, wherein the tape as at least one of: an ink ribbon tape and an image receiving tape, and wherein said image receiving tape comprises an image receiving layer and a releasable backing layer.~~

~~28. (Amended) The tape cassette according to claim 25, wherein tapes of different widths are associated with said bobbins, the tapes defining a center line, and wherein said surfaces of said bobbins are positioned so that the center line of the tapes is located in the same plane intersecting said surfaces of said bobbins, independent of the width of the tape.~~

~~30. (Amended) The tape cassette according to claim 29, wherein tapes of different widths are associated with said bobbins, the tapes defining a center line, and wherein said surfaces of said bobbins are positioned so that the center lines of the tapes is located in the same plane intersecting said surfaces of said bobbins, independent of the width of the tape.~~

~~31. (Amended) The tape cassette according to claim 24, said tape cassette further having : a housing; and a spring located between a [respective] bobbin and a part of said housing, [and] said spring [shipping] slipping on one of: said housing and said bobbin [, each said spring] and providing a back tension to the tape of [its respective] the bobbin with which it is located.~~

Claim 32, line 2, delete "associated";

~~33. (Amended) The tape cassette according to claim 31, wherein each bobbin includes a flange, wherein each spring interacts with said flange of [its respective] the bobbin with which it is located, and wherein the relative position of said flange with respect to its associated post, and thus the backward tension applied to the tape by said associated spring is a function of~~

~~B~~ ~~C~~ the width of the tape.

Claim 34, line 1, change "33" to -- 50 --.

~~110~~ Claim 35, line 6, delete "without a cover".

~ Claim 37, line 1, change "36" to -- 51 --.

~ Claim 38, line 1, change "36" to -- 51 --.

Claim 43, line 2, change "casstee" to -- cassette --.

46. (Amended) A tape cassette for accommodating a supply of printable tape

~~B7~~ which is suitable for being detachably loaded in a tape printing device, the tape cassette having: a housing comprising a base on which the tape supply can be releasably fixed, a hinge, and a lid fixed to said base by means of said hinge, said base, said lid, and said hinge formed to be unitary.

Please cancel claims 33, 36, 42, 43, 45 and 47 without prejudice or disclaimer of
the subject matter thereof.
N.E. (amended by this arrest)

Please add the following new claims:

~~B8~~ 50. A tape cassette for accommodating a supply of printable tape and suitable for being detachably loaded in a tape printing device, the tape cassette having: means for inserting and removing a tape supply into said tape cassette; means whereby said tape cassette selectively accommodates tape supplies of different tape widths; and a spring located between a bobbin and a part of said housing, said spring slipping on one of: said housing and said bobbin and providing a back tension to the tape of the bobbin with which it is located, wherein: each bobbin includes a flange, and each spring intersects with said flange of the bobbin with which it is located; and wherein the relative position of said flange with respect to its associated post, and thus the backward tension applied to the tape by said associated spring is a function of the width of the

tape.

51. A tape cassette for accommodating a supply of printable tape and suitable for being detachably loaded in a tape printing device, the tape cassette having: means for inserting and removing a tape supply into said tape cassette; means whereby said tape cassette selectively accommodates tape supplies of different tape width; a housing including a base on which the tape supply can be releasably fixed, said base having a bottom surface which extends orthogonally to a center plane of said tape supply, said tape supply being releasably retained on said bottom surface; and a lid situated opposite to said bottom surface, wherein said tape supply is freely accessible from the side of said base opposite to said bottom surface, said tape cassette having thereby the form of an open chassis, and wherein the distance between said bottom surface and said lid varies with the width of the tape.

52. A tape cassette for accommodating a supply of printable tape and suitable for being detachably loaded in a tape printing device, the tape cassette having: means for inserting and removing a tape supply into said tape cassette; means whereby said tape cassette selectively accommodates tape supplies of different tape widths; tear-off tape; and means for supporting the tape supply, wherein: the tape is at least one of an ink ribbon tape and an image receiving tape, said image receiving tape comprising an image receiving layer and a releasable backing layer: said means for inserting and removing includes a supply spool and a take-up spool, and a holder, said supply spool and said take-up spool being fixed to said holder such that their relative position corresponds to their position when they are inserted in said tape cassette; said ink ribbon is provided on said supply spool and said take-up spool; said supply spool and said take-up spool for said ink ribbon are releasably secured by said holder against rotation, such that said tape